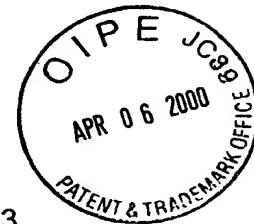


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION



APPLICANT: George G. Gelfer

SERIAL NO.: 09/481,477 GROUP ART UNIT: 2853

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TITLE: "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR AUTOMATICALLY ORDERING SUPPLIES WHICH ARE CONSUMED DURING USAGE OF A DEVICE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicant herewith amends the application as follows, and requests entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, in line 20, cancel "in" and substitute --In-- therefor.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, in line 9, cancel "and" after "communicating" and substitute --an-- therefor.